

Training on Tribal Sovereignty

California Environmental Protection Agency

AGENDA

February 1, 2010

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| 9:00-9:30 | Introductions and Purpose of Training- <i>Cynthia Gomez, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Justice and Tribal Government Policy</i> |
| 9:30-10:30 | Historical and General Principles of Tribal Sovereignty – <i>Raquelle Myers, Staff Counsel, National Indian Justice Center</i> |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break |
| 10:45-12:00 | Historical and General Principles of Tribal Sovereignty |
| 12:00-1:15 | Lunch Break – On your own |
| 1:15-2:30 | Historical and General Principles of Tribal Sovereignty |
| 2:30-3:30 | Tribal panel- Distinct Tribal Organizational Structures

<i>Lenore Lamb, Environmental Director, Pala Band of Mission Indians</i>

<i>Nicolas Fonseca, Tribal Chairman, Shingle Springs Rancheria</i>

<i>Dore Bietz, Planner, Tuolumne Rancheria</i> |
| 3:30-4:00 | Wrap up |
| 4:00 | Adjourn |

Speaker Biographies:

Raquelle Myers is a member of the Pinoleville Band of Pomo Indians. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from University of California at Berkeley and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah. She serves as Staff Attorney for the National Indian Justice Center and as the Chief Judge/Administrator for the Intertribal Court of California, a court of limited jurisdiction currently being developed in Northern California. She has served as a member of the National Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect and also served on the CDSS Tribal Government Advisory Committee. She is currently a member of the California Judicial Council's Committee on Racial and Ethnic Bias. Ms. Myers serves as a trainer for NIJC regional and on-site training sessions developed for tribal government personnel. She also teaches undergraduate courses on Federal Indian Law, California Indian History, and Tribal Government at the University of California at Berkeley.

Dore Bietz is a Northern and Southern Me-Wuk and resides on the Tuolumne Rancheria. After receiving a degree in Landscape Architecture, Ms. Bietz has worked for Tribes specializing in realty and land use. As a former Tribal Council member, Ms. Bietz understands the complexities of Tribal Governments and the need to foster better communication between Tribes and various agencies. An expert in California Indian land issues, Ms. Bietz has testified in front of Congress, worked with the administration on land regulations and served as a technical consultant to Tribes throughout the country. Ms. Bietz currently works as a Planner for the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council where she is involved in every aspect of community development.

Lenore Lamb received her B.S. degree in Chemistry from Cal State San Marcos in 1999 and has been the Environmental Programs Director for the Pala Band of Mission Indians since 2001. Prior to Ms. Lamb accepting her positions with the Tribe she lived on the Pala Indian Reservation for five years. The Environmental Department oversees air, water, pesticide, solid waste and recycling programs. The Environmental Department also recently opened a Tribal transfer station that is open to the public and certified by the State of California to accept CRV material.

Honorable Nicolas Fonseca is the Tribal Chairman for the Shingle Springs Rancheria. Chairman Fonseca is known for his diplomacy and leadership. During his tenure he has introduced and encouraged legislation to improve services for his community. His most recent accomplishments includes the opening of the Red Hawk Casino and providing better access to and from his community for economic, social and community services.